AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (clean copy)

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (mark-up)

A device linkage control system ~~for controlling a plurality of devices in linkage with each other to suit the life pattern of a user, by extracting life pattern information of a user from an operating history of the plurality of devices, comprising:~~<u>is provided that includes</u> a life data recording apparatus ~~(n107)~~ for accumulating~~, in a life data storage unit (n102),~~ usage information on the use of devices ~~(n109 to n112)~~ by ~~the~~ <u>a</u> user, as life ~~data;~~<u>data, and</u> a life pattern extraction apparatus ~~(n101)~~ including an episode creation unit ~~(n103)~~ that takes, as element data, details related to an identified episode from among life data and creates episode data which is a combination of the element ~~data,~~<u>data. Moreover, the system includes</u> an episode analysis unit ~~(n104)~~ that analyzes relationships between the element data included in the episode data, and a life pattern interpretation unit ~~(n105)~~ that identifies, from the relationships between the element data, the life pattern which is characteristic of the user, and records this pattern, as life pattern ~~information, in a life pattern storage unit (n106);~~<u>information,</u> and a control apparatus ~~(n108)~~ for linkage controlling of the devices ~~(n109 to n112)~~ by using the life pattern information of the user stored in the life pattern storage unit ~~(n106)~~.